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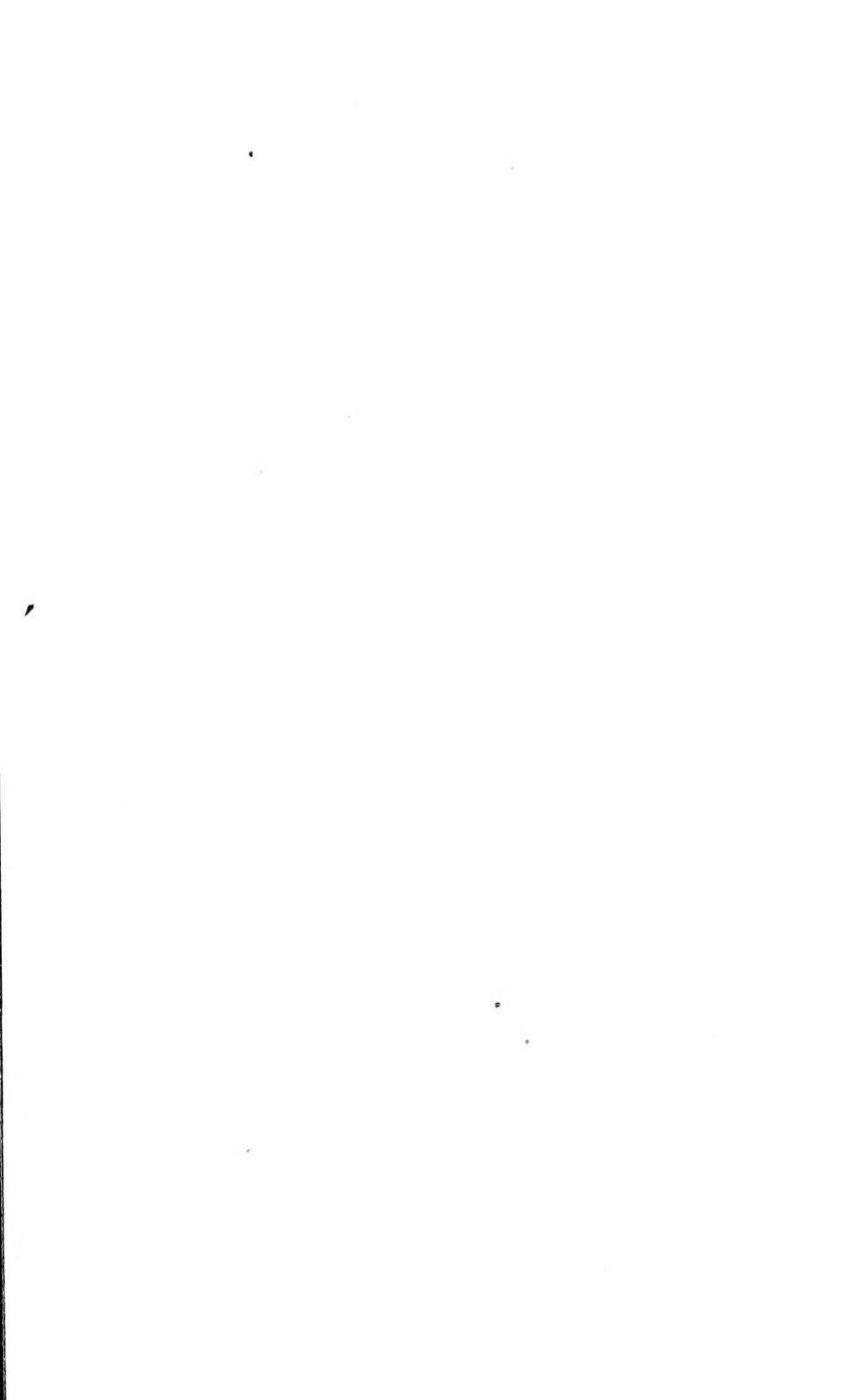
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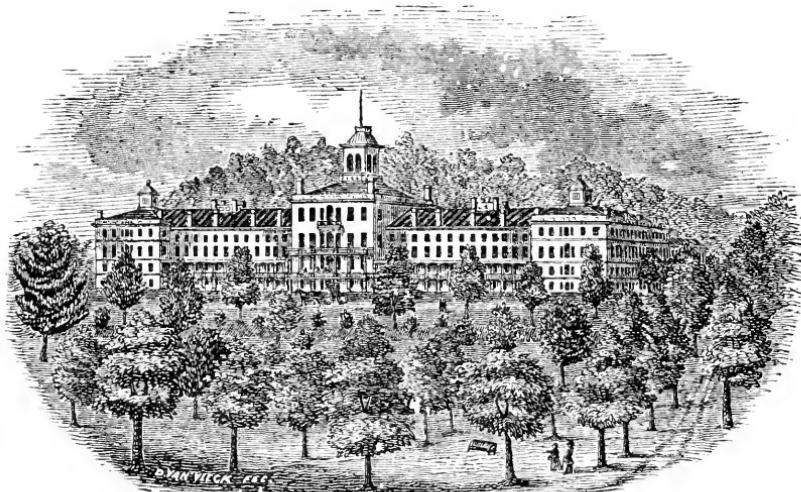
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“Thou lovely vale of sweetest stream that flows,
Winding and willow-fringed Connecticut.”

The portion of this valley which lies north of the Holyoke range has been pronounced by *connoisseurs* fully equal to any landscape on the Rhine. Highland and lowland, rock and river, forest and field, village and hamlet, surrounded by an amphitheater of hills, form the elements of the enchanting picture ; and when spring has touched it with living green, and the warm sky of the month of roses added its softening tint, the beholder does not wonder that Jenny Lind in her enthusiasm exclaimed, “It is the Paradise of America.”

And here—

“Queen village of the meads,
Fronting the sunrise and in beauty throned,
With jeweled homes around her lifted brow,
And coronal of ancient forest trees—
Northampton sits, and rules her pleasant realm.”

EARLY HISTORY.

Nonotuck, or Nolwotogg, comprising the present towns of Northampton, Southampton, Easthampton and Westhampton, and part of Hatfield and Montgomery, was bought of the Indians in 1653 by John Pynchon, Elizur Holycote and Samuel Chapin, the “ Commissioners,” or Board of Magistrates, of Springfield. The price paid was one

hundred fathoms of wampum, ten coats, a quantity of "notions," and the plowing of sixteen acres for the Indians on the east side of the river. There is a tradition that an Englishman the year before built his house on what is now called "Phillips Place." However this may be, we know that twenty-one planters, principally from Springfield and Windsor, made a settlement in the present town of Northampton in 1654. The home lots were situated on what are now Hawley, Market, Pleasant and King streets. The plantation of Nonotuck extended from a point two miles north of the present town to Holyoke Falls, and on the west side extended nine miles into the forest. The town was doubtless incorporated the same year, and named from Northampton in England, whether because some of the settlers came from thence, or because it was the most northerly town then settled on the river, is uncertain. It will be seen that there was no original Hampton, which was subdivided to form the present towns by prefixing the four cardinal points of the compass. The original town was Northampton. In 1655 "townsmen" were chosen to take charge of the affairs of the town, and also to serve, as it seems, in the capacity of judges and courts.

The first meeting-house was built in 1655 on Meeting-House Hill, near the present site of the "Old Church," and tradition says a huge cow-bell did duty in summoning the worshipers to the house of God.

In June, 1661, the first minister was settled, Mr. Eleazer Mather, (the dignity of Rev. was not aspired to in those days) and the next year a new church was opened for public worship on the site of the present "Old Church," which latter is the fourth built upon the same locality.

In Sept., 1658, the first Court was held at Northampton. Many of the offences tried would now be regarded as frivolous. One Joseph Leonard was fined five shillings for "sporting and laughing in sermon tyme." For "idle watching about and not coming to the ordinance of the Lord" the penalty was five stripes well laid on. Slander, abusive lan-

guage, card-playing, or the allowance of card-playing, were punished with fines.

The first American "to the manner born" was Ebenezer Parsons, whose birthday was May 1, 1655. The first marriage occurred the 18th of the preceding November, when David Burt and Mary Holton were made one. In Jan., 1656, the first death occurred—that of James Bridgman.

In 1662 Springfield, Northampton and Hadley, with a territory bounded on the south by Connecticut, and extending thirty miles in other directions from the several towns, were erected into a county by the General Court under the name of Hampshire. Springfield was the shire town, though the courts were held at Northampton in alternate years.

Northampton suffered somewhat in the Indian wars, but not so severely as its neighbors.

In the Revolution its people were arrayed on the side of liberty. Major Joseph Hawley was regarded as standing among the foremost defenders of freedom. Gov. Strong, his associate in the Provincial Congress, once attempted to comfort the Major when rather despondent concerning the success of the cause by saying, "They will not probably hang more than forty men, and you and I shall escape." Major Hawley spiritedly replied, "I would have you to know, sir, that *I am one of the first three.*"

During the Shays rebellion Northampton was the scene of several mobs, though no serious conflicts occurred.

SKETCH OF THE CHURCHES AND PASTORS.

Mr. Mather, the first minister at Northampton, died in 1669, and was succeeded by Rev. Solomon Stoddard, who was ordained in September, 1672. Mr. Stoddard's pastorate was fifty-seven years in length, for about fifty-five years of which he was without a colleague. He was a man of great erudition and largely influenced the theological thought of his time. He gave name to the "Stoddardean" doctrine, which claimed that the sacrament should be accessible to all persons of moral lives, that church government is vested

solely in the elders of the church, and that synods have power to excommunicate and restore to fellowship. He was regarded with reverence not only by his own people, but by the savages, and seems to have first received the title of "Rev." Being taken prisoner by the Indians, one of the braves recognizing him, exclaimed, "It is the Englishman's God," and his life was spared. The celebrated Rev. or Pres. Jonathan Edwards was installed as Mr. Stoddard's colleague in Feb., 1727, and, at the latter's death two years afterward, became sole pastor, which relation he sustained till his dismissal in 1750. The origin of the disagreement resulting in the separation of pastor and people, was his opposition to the tenets of his predecessor, and certain courses of discipline to which he resorted.

Rev. John Hooker succeeded Pres. Edwards, being "settled" in Dec., 1753. His ministry of twenty-three years was terminated by his death in 1779.

Rev. Solomon Williams, the fifth minister, was installed in June, 1778, and died in 1834, having been pastor of the church fifty-six years, though assisted the last ten years of his life by a colleague. Mr. Williams himself, his father, and grandfather, all preached their half-century sermons.

Rev. Mark Tucker, D. D. was installed as colleague of Mr. Williams Mar. 10, 1824, and was dismissed Aug. 16, 1827. Rev. Ichabod S. Spencer, D. D. succeeded him Sept. 11, 1828, but remained only till Mar. 12, 1832.

Rev. Joseph Penney, D. D. followed Dr. Spenceer June 5, 1833, and was sole pastor for about a year after Mr. Williams' death, being dismissed Nov. 24, 1835.

Rev. Chas. Wiley of New York, was ordained as pastor Nov. 8, 1837, and resigned his office in February, 1845.

Rev. E. Y. Swift succeeded him Oct. 7, 1845, and resigned Sept. 15, 1851; his successor, Rev. John P. Cleaveland was settled Apr. 20, 1853, and dismissed July 11, 1855.

Rev. Zachary Eddy, D. D. was installed Mar. 3, 1858, and was dismissed at his own request Mar. 11, 1867, to take charge of the Dutch Reformed church on the Heights, Brook-

lyn, N. Y. Rev. W. S. Leavitt, the present pastor, was settled April 30, 1867.

The Unitarian church separated from the First church in 1821. The society was organized Feb. 22, 1825, and Rev. Edward Brooks Hall, who had been preaching for the society since the beginning of the year, was engaged to preach for a time. Subsequently, Aug. 16, 1826, he was installed pastor. A house of worship was erected, and dedicated Dec. 7, 1825. Mr. Hall was dismissed at his own request Dec. 23, 1829. Rev. Oliver Stearns succeeded him Nov. 9, 1831, and was dismissed Mar. 31, 1839. Rev. John Sullivan Dwight was "settled" Mar. 20, 1840, and left in the summer of the following year. Rev. Rufus Ellis, the next minister, was ordained June 7, 1843, and was dismissed May 1, 1853. Rev. William Sillsbee was settled about April 1, 1855, and remained till May, 1863. Rev. W. L. Jenkins succeeded him May 1, 1865, and resigned May 1, 1870. Rev. Wm. H. Fish, Jr., the present pastor, was installed May 17, 1871.

The Edwards church (orthodox Congregational) separated from the First church, and was organized Jan. 17, 1833. Rev. John Todd, D. D., now of Pittsfield, Mass., was installed as the first pastor on the 29th of the same month.

Sept. 26, 1836, Dr. Todd was dismissed to take charge of a church in Philadelphia. Rev. John Mitchell succeeded him Dec. 7, 1836. He was dismissed Dec. 20, 1842 on account of ill health. Rev. E. P. Rogers, his successor, was installed May 16, 1843, and dismissed Nov. 24, 1846. Rev. Geo. E. Day followed, being installed Jan. 11, 1848. He was dismissed May 7, 1851, and accepted a place in the faculty of Lane Seminary. Rev. Gordon Hall, D. D. was installed June 2, 1852, and still remains in the office.

The corner stone of the first Edwards church was laid July 4, 1833, and the dedication occurred the following year. This edifice was burned in the fire of May 18, 1870, and the erection of the new church, on a site farther west, and on the opposite side of the street, was commenced in the autumn. It will be dedicated, probably, the present season, (1871.)

St. John's church (Episcopal) was organized in 1826. The church edifice was built in 1829. The rector now officiating, Rev. J. K. Lombard, accepted a call to his position Nov. 5, 1870.

The Baptist society was organized April 30, 1824, and the church formed July 20, 1826. The meeting-house was opened July 8, 1829. The present pastor, Rev. Chas. Y. Swan, received his call Dec. 12, 1869.

The Methodist church was organized in 1842. Their house of worship was dedicated in April, 1852. Rev. Geo. W. Mansfield is the present pastor.

The Roman Catholic church was built in 1844, and though it has been enlarged several times, it is now too small to seat the congregation. A site has been purchased, on which a new and elegant church will soon be erected.

In 1840 a society of Fourierists was formed at Florence, but it soon broke up.

The Florence church (orthodox Congregational) was organized Oct. 9, 1861. The church edifice was built the following year from plans furnished by W. F. Pratt, architect. Rev. E. G. Cobb, the present pastor, was "settled" in November, 1866.

The Free Congregational society, Florence, was organized May 3, 1863. Its articles of agreement permit entire freedom of belief, and in the Sunday services all shades of opinion are represented. The audience are not required to receive anything on authority, but have perfect freedom of criticism. No distinction on account of color, nationality, or sex is recognized. C. C. Burleigh, the "Florentine Reformer," and Miss Elizabeth M. Powell, are the resident ministers, but do not occupy the desk more than half of the time. The services are supported by contributions.

There are chapels at Leeds, the Bay State village, and on Hospital Hill, where union services are held Sunday afternoons.

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

This section of Hampshire county seems to have been designed by Nature herself as a site for seats of learning. No

less than four distinct geological formations are represented in its rocky foundations—gneiss in Pelham Hills, trap in the Holyoke range, slate in the western hills, and new red sandstone in the plain.

The early settlers of the valley made provision for the school almost as soon as for the church, and that early regard for education has given rise to the institutions of learning which dot so thickly the vicinity. At Northampton, besides schools of lower grades, a High School, the Clarke Institution for Deaf Mutes, Norwood Ladies' Institute, and the future Smith College ; at Hadley, a High School, once Hopkins Academy ; at Amherst, a High School, a private School for Boys, and two colleges, Amherst and Agricultural ; at South Hadley, the Mt. Holyoke Female Seminary ; at Easthampton, Williston Seminary, a fitting and scientific school for young men ; at Hatfield, the future Smith Academy.

THE HIGH SCHOOL, NORTHAMPTON.

is under the charge of E. S. Frisbee, with three assistants, and sustains a high character. The High School building is one of the finest in the state.

THE CLARKE INSTITUTION FOR DEAF MUTES

Originated in the munificence of the late John Clarke. The corporation was organized July 15, 1867, and Mr. Clarke immediately presented \$50,000 to it. The system of articulation was adopted, Miss Harriet B. Rogers was appointed principal, and the school was opened at once in the buildings of L. J. Dudley, on Gothic street. Mr. Clarke died July 5, 1869, making the institution his residuary legatee, and providing for the accumulation of the fund till it should reach \$200,000 in gold, which sum has already been exceeded. In 1870 a site was purchased on Round Hill, with buildings partially sufficient for the purposes of the school. These were remodeled and a new dormitory erected the same year. There are at present about forty pupils of both sexes attending this institution, where those once thought dumb are taught to speak and understand spoken language.

THE SMITH COLLEGE.

Miss Sophia Smith of Hatfield, who died in March, 1870, made provision in her will to found an Academy in Hatfield, and a Female College in Northampton, bequeathing for the former purpose \$75,000, and for the latter \$300,000, to be located in Northampton on condition that the town raise in addition \$25,000, otherwise in Hatfield. Northampton, having complied with the above condition, has made sure of its location in the town, but the particular site remains undetermined.

NORWOOD LADIES' INSTITUTE.

This school was established by private and professional enterprise in the spring of 1870. The principal, who had been at the head of a school for young ladies in a neighboring state, being convinced that the family instead of the dormitory is the true system, and believing there was room for such a school, selected the beautiful village of Northampton for its location. The larger part of the senior class in his former school, and many from the other classes, followed him. A class of five was graduated July 28, 1870. The number of pupils is limited to fifteen, and twenty-three different pupils were connected with the school during the first year. The object of the principal was not so much to furnish a cheap school, at the expense of comfort and taste, as to furnish educational facilities of the highest order, morally, aesthetically, intellectually and physically, with all the amenities and refinements of a pleasant, Christian home. Norwood Institute is also a favorite place of resort for visitors from the city in summer. The principal has adopted the novel plan of taking his school to Germany to study next year, starting in the autumn of 1871.

NORTHAMPTON AS A SUMMER RESORT.

Of late the Connecticut valley, and especially Northampton, has been a favorite retreat for city visitors. The central position of the town, as well as its healthfulness and beauty, has contributed to this result. Among the places where tourists may find a home, perhaps the most beautiful is

THE ROUND HILL HOTEL.

This institution years ago was a noted classical school for boys, under the care of Geo. Bancroft, the historian, and J. G. Coggeswell. Dr. H. Halsted subsequently opened it as a Water Cure and summer resort. Under his care it gained a world-wide notoriety. In 1870 Dr. B. P. Backus, of New York, purchased the establishment, and continues to run it as a Hotel and Health Institute of the highest order. The view of Northampton and the valley from Round Hill is unquestionably the finest in town, nearly reversing the view from Holyoke, and on the most sultry day of summer a cool breeze may be found on its summit. No wonder that with such natural advantages, combined with hotel accommodations so perfect, the Round Hill Hotel is largely patronized.

THE MANSION HOUSE.

The Mansion House is the fashionable hotel of the place. Its rooms are almost always full, especially in the summer months. It is finely situated, just out of the busiest part of the town, and yet near enough for convenience. The proprietor, Col. O. E. Austin, is one of the few men who "know how to keep a hotel," and his beaming face is that of the ideal landlord.

DR. DENNISTON'S WATER CURE.

This establishment has now been in operation for a period of twenty-three years, and has had a good degree of success in the attainment of the object proposed,—the relief and cure of Chronic Disorder and Disease in their manifold forms. Dr. D. has had an experience in his profession of over forty years, and still he uses all those means which are given by the light of modern science. Prominent among these is the appliance of those hygienic laws, to which treatment the term "Water Cure" has been given. The Doctor's home is well situated, about a mile "out of town," on an elevated pine plain table-land, and a farm of one hundred acres supplies all country luxuries. The place is well worth a visit even to those who have no need of its hygienic agents.

EXCURSIONS.

Hardly any place can be found from which so many delightful excursions can be made as from Northampton. We have only space to mention the most important. First of all comes

MOUNT HOLYOKE.

Three miles south-east of Northampton stands this now world-renowned eminence. Remarkable, not on account of its great height,—being only 1175 feet above the level of the sea, and about 1000 feet above the Connecticut,—but for the rugged grace of its form, and the unrivaled scene of beauty that lies spread out before the eye at its summit, embracing mountain and valley scenery in four different states, with forty different towns and villages. The first house was built upon the summit in 1821, rather a rude affair. Mr. J. W. French, the present proprietor of the "Prospect House," hired the place in 1849, and the germ of the present house was erected in 1851, which was enlarged to its present size in 1861. The first railway was built in 1854, and the present improved track constructed in 1867. There are now two railways, the upper one leading from the stable to the summit, the other from the river to the stable, both run by steam engines at the stable. The upper railway is 600 feet in slant, and 365 feet in perpendicular height. The stairway at its side contains 522 steps. The upper railway and staircase are covered. The lower railway is 3000 feet in length, with a perpendicular elevation of 635 feet from the river. A steam-boat plies between the Mt. Tom station on the Conn. R. R. R. and the foot of the railway. The cost for an adult from Mt. Tom station to Prospect House and back, including all conveniences, is \$1.75. Meals are also furnished at the Prospect House at the usual prices. The P. O. address is Northampton, Mass.

THE GREAT ELM.

On the way to Mt. Holyoke, if the Hockanum route be chosen, some forty or fifty rods to the right, in the meadow, stands the tree immortalized by Dr. O. W. Holmes, in his

"Autocrat of the Breakfast Table." It is 31 feet in circumference.

HOCKANUM.

The home of Kathrina, the heroine of Dr. Holland's poem of that name, was

"Where at Holyoke's verdant base,
Like a slim hound, stretched at his master's feet,
Lay the long, lazy hamlet, Hockanum."

MOUNT NONOTUCK.

This Indian name, signifying "mountain of the Blest," was given to the northern peak of Mt. Tom, by an excursion of the Senior class of Amherst College, June 17, 1858, J. E. Tower being the orator of the occasion. Upwards of 500 persons were assembled at the christening, July 4, 1861. The Eyrie House, so named by the lamented President Hitchcock, was dedicated and opened to visitors.

Dr. Hitchcock declared that the northern view from this summit was unique, and the finest his eye had ever rested on, and the southern prospect is thought by many to be equally fine. The Eyrie House is 5000 feet from the Mt. Tom station.

MOUNT TOM.

The origin of the names Holyoke and Tom is given as follows : Some five or six years after the settlement of Springfield, two exploring parties started toward the north, one on each side of the river, that on the east side being led by Elizur Holyoke, the other by Rowland Thomas. Arriving at length opposite each other, at the point where the river crosses the mountain range, each hailing the other gave his own name to the summit towering above him. Holyoke has remained uncorrupted, but Thomas has degenerated to "Tom." This latter name is now applied only to the bold and precipitous peak in which the range ends and culminates on the south. It is higher than Holyoke, though the view from it is not so fine. There is no house on the summit, and the ascent is rather rough, but those who are not afraid of a climb will find themselves repaid. The summit is about three miles from Easthampton, which lies near its foot.

EASTHAMPTON.

This beautiful village, four miles south of Northampton, will well repay a visit. It contains the celebrated Williston Seminary,—which is attended by about two hundred young men,—and several large manufactories. The growth of the town from a small and almost insignificant place has been mainly owing to the energy and munificence of the Hon. Samuel Williston. Besides the seminary buildings, the Town Hall, Payson Church, and some of the mills, are worth noting.

HADLEY.

In early Indian times, Hadley was the headquarters of the whites in their movements against their enemies. Indeed at one time (1676) it was proposed by the Council of Massachusetts that Northampton should be evacuated for Hadley. This project roused such a storm of remonstrance that it was never carried out. King Phillip had “carried the war into Africa” by transferring the scene of his operations to the Connecticut valley in the spring of the year 1676, and on the 12th of June Hadley was attacked by 700 Indians. The English were on the point of giving up the day for lost, when a venerable man with long white hair and beard suddenly placed himself at their head, and out of defeat organized victory. When the danger was past their deliverer disappeared as mysteriously as he came, and the superstitious people imagined they had been saved by an angel. In after years they learned that their savior was Goffe, the regicide, who, with Whalley his companion, had been secreted in the house of Rev. Mr. Russell for almost twelve years. A house now occupies the site of this “Russell House,” that standing in the north-east angle of the four corners formed by the Amherst Road and Front Street. Whalley died in Hadley about 1676, and was buried here. In building the present house in 1795, some bones, teeth, and pieces of boards were discovered behind the front cellar wall of the old house; a thigh bone well preserved showed that it belonged to a large man, and there is not much doubt that they were the remains

of Whalley. Geo. W. Curtis in Harper's Magazine for November 1865 calls Hadley "a vision of a village—buried in the grave of Goffe—its silent and delightful ghost." Hadley is three miles from Northampton. Five miles farther is the hill

"Where lovely AMHERST grows upon the eye.
Deck'd forth in nature's sweet simplicity."

The special objects of interest here are the Colleges ; Amherst College, which this year (1871) celebrates its half-century birthday, with its world-famous cabinets, and consecrated by the devotion and labor of men like Moore, Hitchcock, Humphrey, and the no less worthy living men who are now giving to it the noblest and best of their life ; and the Agricultural College, its years numbering only a college generation, but under the energy and enthusiasm of President Clark already a success, the *protege* of the state, and full of students. The Durfee Plant House has one of the finest collections of exotics in the country.

SUGAR-LOAF MOUNTAIN,

The ancient haunt of King Phillip, 12 miles north of Northampton, is a favorite resort for tourists.

SOUTH HADLEY.

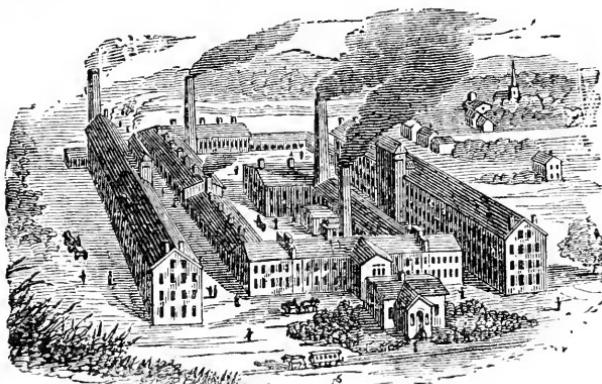
This place is celebrated for the Mt. Holyoke Seminary, the result of the life-long and enthusiastic devotion of Mary Lyon to the great cause of female education. The Seminary was built in 1836-7, and opened Nov. 8, 1837. The number of pupils is now about 300. Upon the grounds is the grave and monument of Mary Lyon, but the school which she founded and the good it has accomplished, form a monument more precious and more enduring than marble.

FLORENCE.

A trip by horse cars or otherwise to this enterprising village should not be omitted. Here are the sites of some of the principal manufacturing interests of the town, first among which is the

**FLORENCE SEWING-MACHINE
MANUFACTORY.**

This, the most beautiful of all sewing-machines, and possessing strong claims to be the best, the work of whose fairy fingers gladdens so many households, was first manufactured here in 1862. Since then the business has been steadily increasing, till the annual sales now exceed one million dollars in amount. About 2000 machines are turned out every month, and the monthly pay-roll of the experienced 300 employees amounts to from \$20,000 to \$30,000. Call at the office, and an obliging attendant will be detailed to show you over the



FLORENCE SEWING-MACHINE MANUFACTORY,
FLORENCE, MASS.

works. The principal factory is the west mill, where the machine proper is made. This is over 300 feet in length. We first enter the packing room, in the first story. Here are several hundred machines, either boxed for transportation, or waiting their turn for shipment. There are machines directed to all parts of the country, from Maine to California, and even to Europe, Mexico, the Sandwich Islands, and in fact all quarters of the world. We find machines of all grades and prices, from the plain No. 1 at \$65, to the elegant rose-wood cabinet No. 10 at \$150 and upwards. On the same floor the south part is a machine shop where some of the heavier part of the work is done. In the second story, above the packing room, the rest of the machine is made. The working

parts are made of solid steel. That powerful die stamps the dates of the patents upon the plate. In the third story of the building is the assembling room, where all the parts of the machine are inspected separately, and the adjusting room in which the machine is put together, and adjusted to run smoothly. In the northern part of the room are a dozen men who test the working of the machine, and correct any slight fault, or reject the piece entirely. Hard by is the inspecting room, where each machine is subjected to a severe test, being made to sew on all fabrics, from the heaviest to the lightest. Machines that pass are ready for the packing room. The east mill, 160 feet in length, is entirely devoted to wood work. In the lower story the rough material is worked into shape. The second story contains the cabinet shop, and the third the oiling and varnishing rooms. The small building in front contains the offices, and the buildings in the rear of it arranged on three sides of a square, contain the forges, foundry, the annealing, japanning, silver-plating, and painting and ornamenting rooms. In the latter room are artists who work by the eye—no stencil-plate workmen are employed. Here is a machine shop devoted to the manufacture and repair of tools. The machinery in the various mills is run by two Corliss engines, each of 70 horse power, stationed in the center of the square. The capital invested in the business exceeds a million dollars. At Florence are the mills of the

NONOTUCK SILK COMPANY.

The manufacturers of the famous "Corticelli" silk, which by many is preferred to all others for machine sewing. This company import the raw material from Europe, and manufacture from it their many-hued spools of silk. In this village also are the Florence Manufacturing Company, and the Greenville Manufacturing Company, with others of minor importance.

OTHER MANUFACTORIES.

At Leeds is the Critchlow Button Factory, and a branch establishment of the Nonotuck Silk Company. Between Flor-

ence and the center, on Mill River, are the Bay State Works, the International Screw Nail Co., and the Vernon Paper Mill. In the center proper, are the Pegging Machine Manufactory, and the Williams Manufacturing Company, whose specialty is Baskets. One of the largest manufactories is the

ARMS & BARDWELL MANUFACTURING COMPANY,

Near the depot, who make a great assortment of pocket-books, diaries, portfolios, writing desks, backgammon boards, etc. Hard by is the Williston & Arms Manufacturing Company, whose product is tape, rubber webbing, etc. Part of the Arms & Bardwell Factory is occupied by the Dunlap & Lyman Manufacturing Co., who turn out a great variety of farming, culinary and other utensils, and a portion of the Williston & Arms Mill is leased by L. D. Thayer & Co., bleachers, dyers, and cotton yarn manufacturers. Near the Mansion House are the works of the Indelible Pencil Company, who manufacture also the Sisson's Clothes Reel.

OTHER OBJECTS OF INTEREST.

On King street are the Edwards Elms, planted by Pres. Edwards' own hand. The Cemetery on Bridge street is one of the loveliest of rural burying places. Knowlton & Bros., Photographers, have taken about 150 stereoscopic views of the principal buildings in Northampton and Florence, the mountains, and other interesting places in the vicinity.

STATE LUNATIC HOSPITAL.

In 1854 the Legislature ordered that a commission be appointed by the Governor to ascertain the number and condition of the insane in the state, and to see what further accommodations, if any, were needed for their relief and care. They reported that in 1854 there were 2632 insane persons in Massachusetts, 1713 of whom were fit subjects of Hospital care, 610 of whom were not provided for with the then present accommodations. The next Legislature took measures for the erection of a new Hospital in one of the four western counties, and a Board of Commissioners was appointed by the

Governor to select a site and build the proposed Hospital. They fixed upon a site about a mile west of Northampton, selected a plan, and on July 4, 1856 the corner stone was laid, Dr. Edward Jarvis being the orator of the occasion. Two years were required for its completion, and the cost was \$315,000. The front occupies 512 feet, and the floors cover an area of more than four acres. Dr. Wm. H. Prince was the first superintendent; he resigned April 1, 1864, and was succeeded July 2, 1864 by the present superintendent, Dr. Pliny Earle, formerly of Worcester. Dr. Earle is absent the present season (1871) in Europe, and Dr. E. B. Nims, assistant physician, acts as superintendent. The present number of patients is 431.

THE TOWN HALL AND PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Although more useful than ornamental we must not pass by this edifice. In the first story is the Public Library, which contains some 6000 volumes. The origin of the library was in 1816, at the organization of the Young Men's Institute, which started with about 1200 volumes, in a small room. In 1851 the town gave the library the free use of the room it now occupies. The library has received many private benefactions, among which may be mentioned that of Jenny Lind, who in 1852 presented a check for \$700, and her letter inclosing that sum is framed and preserved in the library. In 1860 the Young Men's Institute offered the town the use of their books to establish a Free Public Library, provided the town would annually appropriate a sum not less than forty cents on each ratable poll. The proposition was accepted, the sum of \$500 was appropriated, and the Free Public Library was instituted. The money has been raised by subscription for a Public Library Building and Memorial Hall, in honor of our fallen soldiers.

THE "SMITH CHARITIES."

Strangers in town seeing the above heading on one of our finest buildings are wont to inquire, "What are the Smith Charities?" For their sake a short account is subjoined.

Oliver Smith of Hatfield, who died Dec. 22, 1845, laid the foundation of the Smith Charities in his will, by which the sum of \$200,000 was directed to be managed as an accumulating fund until it should amount to \$400,000, at which time it was to be divided into three distinct funds, one of \$30,000 to found "Smith's Agricultural School" at Northampton, sixty years after his decease (1905); the second, of \$10,000, for the American Colonization Society; and the third, of \$360,000, for indigent boys, indigent female children, indigent young women, and indigent widows. A residuary legacy was for a contingent fund to defray expenses, and keep the principal funds entire. Boys bound out in accordance with this will, receive at their majority a loan of \$500 for five years, at which time, if their conduct satisfies the trustees, the obligation is cancelled and the amount becomes a gift. Girls, who are bound out under the will, at eighteen are entitled to \$300, for a marriage portion. Indigent young women receive \$50 as a marriage portion. Indigent widows with families may receive aid to the extent of \$50 a year. In the division of these charities, preference is given to the towns of Northampton, Hatfield, Hadley, Amherst, Williamsburg, in Hampshire County; Deerfield, Greenfield and Whately, in the County of Franklin. These funds now amount to nearly one million dollars. The relatives contested the will and the case came before the Supreme Judicial Court at Northampton, July 6, 1847. Rufus Choate was the chief counsel on the side of the contestants, and Daniel Webster on that of the will. It is needless to say the will was sustained. The building was erected in 1865-6, from plans furnished by W. F. Pratt, architect.

NEWSPAPERS AND PRINTING OFFICES.

There are now two newspapers in town, and three job-printing offices. The Hampshire Gazette was established in 1786. The Northampton Courier was started in 1829. These two papers were united November 1, 1858, and since that time have been published under one heading, by Messrs.

Trumbull & Gere. The Northampton Free Press was started in April, 1860, by Henry M. Burt, present editor of the Home-stead. April 10, 1863, Mr. Burt associated with him as partner C. H. Lyman, now of the Holyoke Transcript. December 13, 1864, A. R. Parsons, now on corps of Republican, took the paper into his hands and edited and published it till December 10, 1869, when Messrs. Porter & Converse, the present proprietors, purchased it. The circulation has increased about 1,000 since their connection with the paper. The first week in January, 1871, the Free Press became a weekly paper. There is a steam job office connected with the Gazette. Metcalf & Co. have a printing office on Court street, and the Star Printing Company, a new firm, are to be found on Main street.

THE HORSE RAILWAY

Was opened from Northampton to Florence in 1866. The famous dummy engine, though a terror to the equine race, is the most economical power used, but its trips are now discontinued.

THE NORTHAMPTON GAS-LIGHT COMPANY

Commenced operations in December, 1856, and has been making light for the town since that time.

OUR ADVERTISERS.

Special notice is invited to our advertising pages. Great pains have been taken in their selection and arrangement; and most, if not all, of the establishments named are among the "Attractions of Northampton."

GOOD OUT OF EVIL.

The year 1870 will long be remembered in Northampton on account of the two great fires which occurred, and the consequent impulse given to business by rebuilding. The fire of May 18 destroyed the Edwards Church and the North Block; that of July 19 the Warner House, Todd's Block, and several smaller edifices. By these two fires the whole business center of the town was threatened, and in fact narrowly

escaped destruction. As a result, the Edwards Church has been rebuilt on a new site in a superior manner, and the new Fitch Hotel rears its lofty front where the Warner House stood. Todd, Lee & Co. have erected a fine brick block on the old site of the Edwards Church, and W. H. Todd has rebuilt his block, and most of the other buildings burned have been replaced by better and more substantial structures. Besides, Messrs. Dawson, Fitch and Crafts have built a brick block on the corner of Main street and Strong avenue, and Wright & Co. have entirely remodeled their store, putting on a new front.

A GREAT NEED.

One great need of the town is tenement houses. The demand for these is always larger than the supply, and the want of them is an obstacle to the success of the town. Our large capitalists seem inclined to put their money into other things. Honor to those who are doing what they can to supply the need, among whom may be mentioned L. A. Dawson, L. Warner, and C. S. Crouch.

WATER WORKS.

The danger from fire being newly realized, led to the purchase of a steam fire engine and the erection of water works, which latter enterprise is to be completed the present season. Water, of great softness and purity, is to be brought from Roberts' Meadow Brook, near Leeds, the source being 90 feet above the site of the railroad depot at Florence, and 240 feet above the station at Northampton.

For the convenience of strangers in town the following directory of church services, physicians, dentists and lawyers, is given, with the time of opening and closing the mails. For railroad time tables see advertising pages.

CHURCH SERVICES.

First Church, (Cong.) Rev. W. S. Leavitt, Pastor. Services at 10.30 a. m. and 2.00 p. m. 3 p. m. in Summer.

St. John's Church, (Epis.) Rev. J. K. Lombard, Rector. Morn-

ing Service at 10.30. Sunday School at 12. Evening Service at 7. Holy communion the first Sunday of each month. The Sunday School session with Evening Prayer and a Catechetical Exercise at 2.30 p. m. and Evening Service omitted.

Baptist Church, Rev. Chas. Y. Swan, Pastor. Services at 10.30 a. m. and 2 p. m.

Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. Geo W. Mansfield, Pastor. Services at 10.30 a. m. and 2 p. m.

Unitarian Church, Rev. Wm. H. Fish Jr., Pastor. Services at 10.30 a. m. Sunday School at 12 m.

Florence Church, (Cong.,) Rev. E. G. Cobb, Pastor. Services at 10.30 a. m. and 2 p. m.

Free Congregational Society, (Florence.) Meetings in Florence Hall, at 2 p. m.

St. Mary's Church, (R. Cath.,) Rev. P. V. Moyce, Pastor. Services at 11 a. m. and 3.30 p. m.

Methodist Services in Davis' Hall, Florence, at 10.30 a. m., 2 and 6 p. m.

Preaching in the Chapel at Leeds, at 1.45 p. m.

Edwards Church, (Cong.,) Rev. Gordon Hall, Pastor. Services in Town Hall at 10.30 a. m. and 7 p. m.

PHYSICIANS.

Drs. Fisk & DeWolf, Office over Oscar Edwards' Drug Store.

SAMUEL A. FISK.

OSCAR C. DEWOLF.

Drs. Thompson & Tyler, Office over C. B. Kingsley's Drug Store.

DANIEL THOMPSON.

A. W. THOMPSON.

J. B. TYLER.

Drs. Dunlap & Stoddard, Office over S. C. Parsons' Drug Store.

JAMES DUNLAP.

HENRY B. STODDARD.

Dr. Chas. L. Knowlton, Office Todd's Block, 2d story.

Dr. J. B. Learned, Office over Cutler's Store, Maple St., Florence.

HOMOEOPATHIC.

O. O. Roberts, M. D., Physician and Surgeon, Office at Residence, King St.

E. B. Harding, M. D., Office at Residence, Pleasant St.

DENTISTS.

T. W. Meekins, M. D., Office over Merritt Clark's Store.

Dr. J. N. Davenport, Office directly opposite Court House.

Dr. W. H. Jones, Office in Clarke Block.

LAWYERS.

Delano & Hammond, Office over First National Bank.

CHAS. DELANO.

J. C. HAMMOND.

Allen & Bond, Office over Cook's Jewelry Store.

WM. ALLEN.

DANIEL W. BOND.

S. T. Spaulding, Office, Todd & Lee's Block, opposite P. O.

C. E. Smith, Office, Carr's Block, opposite Town Hall.

H. H. Bond, Florence.

Enos Parsons, Auctioneer, Broker, and Collector.

POST OFFICE,

FITCH'S HOTEL BLOCK,

L. W. JOY, P. M.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE OF MAIIS.

Northern—close,	8.30 A. M.,	2.15 P. M.
open,	11.00 "	6.00 "
Southern—close,	10.15 "	4.45 "
open,	9.00 "	3.00 "
Eastern—close,	10.15 "	4.45 "
open,	1.00 and	7.45 "
Western—close,	4.45 "	8.00 "
open,	1.00 "	3.00 "

Office hours from 7 a. m. to 8.30 p. m. Sundays, from 10.00 to 10.30 a. m.

DISTANCES.

Northampton is 17 miles from Springfield, 119 from Albany, 115 from Boston, 43 from Hartford, 79 from New Haven, 153 from New York, 43 from Brattleboro, 167 from the White Mountains, 212 from Lake Memphremagog, 293 from Montreal, and 385 from Quebec.

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Connecticut River Railroad.

Passenger Trains Leave Northampton, *GOING SOUTH.*

At 5.53 A. M. (Exp) and 6.00 A. M. (Acc.) connecting with 6.30 A. M. train for New York, (arriving at New York 12.30 P. M.), 9 A. M. train for Albany, (arriving at Albany 1.20 P. M.), and 7.15 and 11.30 A. M. trains for Boston, (arriving at Boston 11 A. M. and 3.30 P. M.)

At 9.10 (Acc.) connecting with 11.30 train for Boston, and 11.26 for Hartford.

At 10.39 A. M. connecting with 11.30 A. M. train for Boston; Express trains for New York at 11.26 A. M. (arriving at New York 4.45 P. M.), and for Boston at 1.35 P. M. (arriving at Boston 4.50 P. M.), also accommodation train for New York at 1.12 P. M. (arriving at New York 8.10 P. M.), and 11.45 A. M. train for Albany, (arriving at Albany 2.55 P. M.)

At 1.12 P. M., connecting at Springfield with the 1.45 P. M. Express train for Boston, and 2.20 Accommodation train south.

At 5.19 connecting with Express train for New York at 6.30 P. M., (arriving at New York 11.12 P. M.), for Boston 8.10 P. M. (arriving at Boston 11.20 P. M.), and for Albany at 6.30 P. M., (arriving at Albany at 10.55 P. M.)

At 7.16 P. M. Steamboat train for New York.

GOING NORTH.

At 8.46 A. M. for Boston, *via*. Greenfield, Rutland and Burlington, Montreal, Ogdensburgh, Lake Memphremagog and Way Stations.

At 2.36 P. M. for Bellows Falls, White River Junction, Rutland, Keene and Way Stations.

At 7.35 P. M. (Night Express with Sleeping Cars for Montreal and Ogdensburgh.)

SPRINGFIELD TO NORTHAMPTON.

Leave Springfield at 12.15 P. M., arrive Northampton at 1.00 P. M.

Leave Springfield at 4.00 P. M., arrive at Northampton, 4.46 P. M.

Leave Springfield at 8.00 P. M., arrive at Northampton, 9.00 P. M.

Trains leave New York for Springfield at 8.00 A. M., 12.15, 3.00 and 8.00 P. M.

Trains leave Boston for Springfield, at 8.30 A. M., 3.00, 4.30 and 9.00 P. M.

Stages leave NORTHAMPTON for Amherst, North Hadley, Haydenville and Williamsburg, Goshen and Cummington S.O. DEERFIELD for Conway and Ashfield. WILLIMANSETT for Hadley Falls and South Hadley, on arrival of 1.45 P. M. train from Springfield. SMITH'S FERRY for So. Hadley and Mt. Holyoke Female Seminary, and MT. TOM STATION for East Hampton on arrival of 8.00 A. M., 12.00 M., 1.45 and 6.45 P. M. trains from Springfield.

J. MULLIGAN, Supt.

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New Haven and Northampton Railroad.

NEW HAVEN, CONN. TO WILLIAMSBURG, MASS., - - - 85 MILES.

FARMINGTON, CONN. TO NEW HARTFORD, CONN., - - - 15 MILES.

TIME TABLE IN EFFECT APRIL 1, 1871.

NORTH.

Leave New York by Boat from Peck Slip,			11.00 P. M.
Leave New York by New York and New Haven R. R.,			
Leave New Haven, - - -	6.50 A. M.,	8.00 A. M.,	3.00 "
Leave Hartford, - - -	6.15 "	10.55 "	5.45 "
Leave Plainville, - - -	7.58 "	11.25 "	6.25 "
Leave New Hartford, - - -	7.15 "	11.58 "	6.52 "
Arrive New Hartford, - - -	8.50 "	11.20 "	5.55 "
Leave Westfield, - - -	9.13 "	9.10 " 1.36, and	7.56 "
Leave Westfield, Special for Williamsburg,		1.25 "	8.15 "
Leave Northampton, - - -	9.50 A. M.,	2.06, 7.32, and	8.58 "
Arrive Williamsburg, - - -	10.10 "	2.25, 7.50, and	9.15 "

SOUTH.

Leave Williamsburg, - - -	6.00 A. M.,	10.45 A. M.,	4.45 P. M.
Leave Williamsburg, for Westfield only,		11.55 "	
Leave Northampton, - - -	6.20, and 11.08 A. M.,	12.14 and	5.05 "
Leave Westfield, - - -	7.00 A. M.,	11.50 A. M.,	5.45 "
Leave New Hartford, - - -	7.15 "	11.20 "	5.55 "
Arrive Hartford, - - -	9.35 "	1.42 P. M.,	8.00 "
Arrive Plainville, - - -	8.20 "	1.08 "	7.14 "
Arrive New Haven, - - -	9.32 "	2.05 "	8.20 "
Arrive New York, - - -	12.50 P. M.,	5.05 "	11.20 "

Steamboats leave New Haven at 11.00 P. M., and reach New York next morning.

Shortest and most Direct Route to Pittsfield, Saratoga, and the West, via. Westfield and Boston & Albany Railroad.

Through Tickets sold and Baggage Checked from New Haven, Plainville, and Northampton.

Passengers by 6.50 A. M. train from New Haven, reach Albany at 1.00 P. M., and Saratoga Springs at 3.00 P. M., Buffalo at 11.50 A. M., and Suspension Bridge at 12.20 A. M.

Passengers by 5.45 P. M. train from New Haven, arrive at Albany (by Sleeping Cars from Westfield at) 545 A. M., in season for morning trains West.

Only one change of cars between New Haven and Suspension Bridge or Buffalo.

Connecting at Northampton with Conn. River R. R. Connecting at Westfield with Boston & Albany R. R. Connecting at Plainville with H. P. & F. R. R. Connecting at New Haven with N. Y. & N. H. R. R., Shore Line R. R., and Steamboats for New York. Close connections with all trains each way.

Time Table Changed to meet all changes on connecting routes.

Through Cars for New York on 6.90 A. M. train from Williamsburg, and from New York to Williamsburg on 3.00 P. M. Express.

STAGE CONNECTIONS.

At WILLIAMSBURG from Cummington, Goshen, Plainfield, Worthington, Chesterfield and Ashfield, with 10.45 A. M. train to New Haven. RETURNING on arrival of 10.55 A. M. train from New Haven.

At NORTHAMPTON from Amherst and Hadley, with the 11.08 A. M. train to New Haven. RETURNING on arrival of the 10.55 A. M. train from New Haven.

At NEW HARTFORD from Winsted, with the morning trains to and from New Haven. RETURNING on arrival of the P. M. train from New Haven.

At CHESHIRE from Waterbury, with the morning trains to and from New Haven. RETURNING on arrival of the P. M. train from New Haven.

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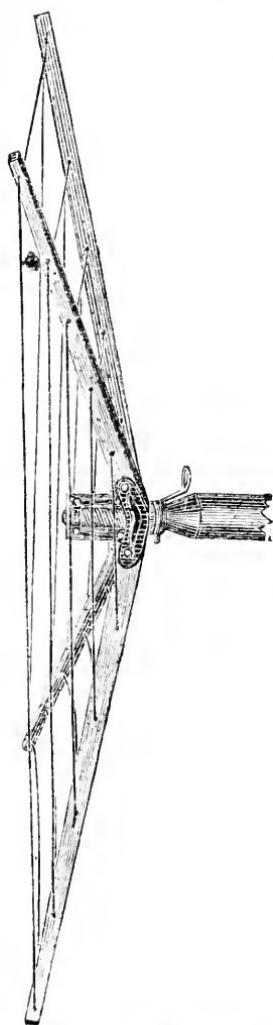
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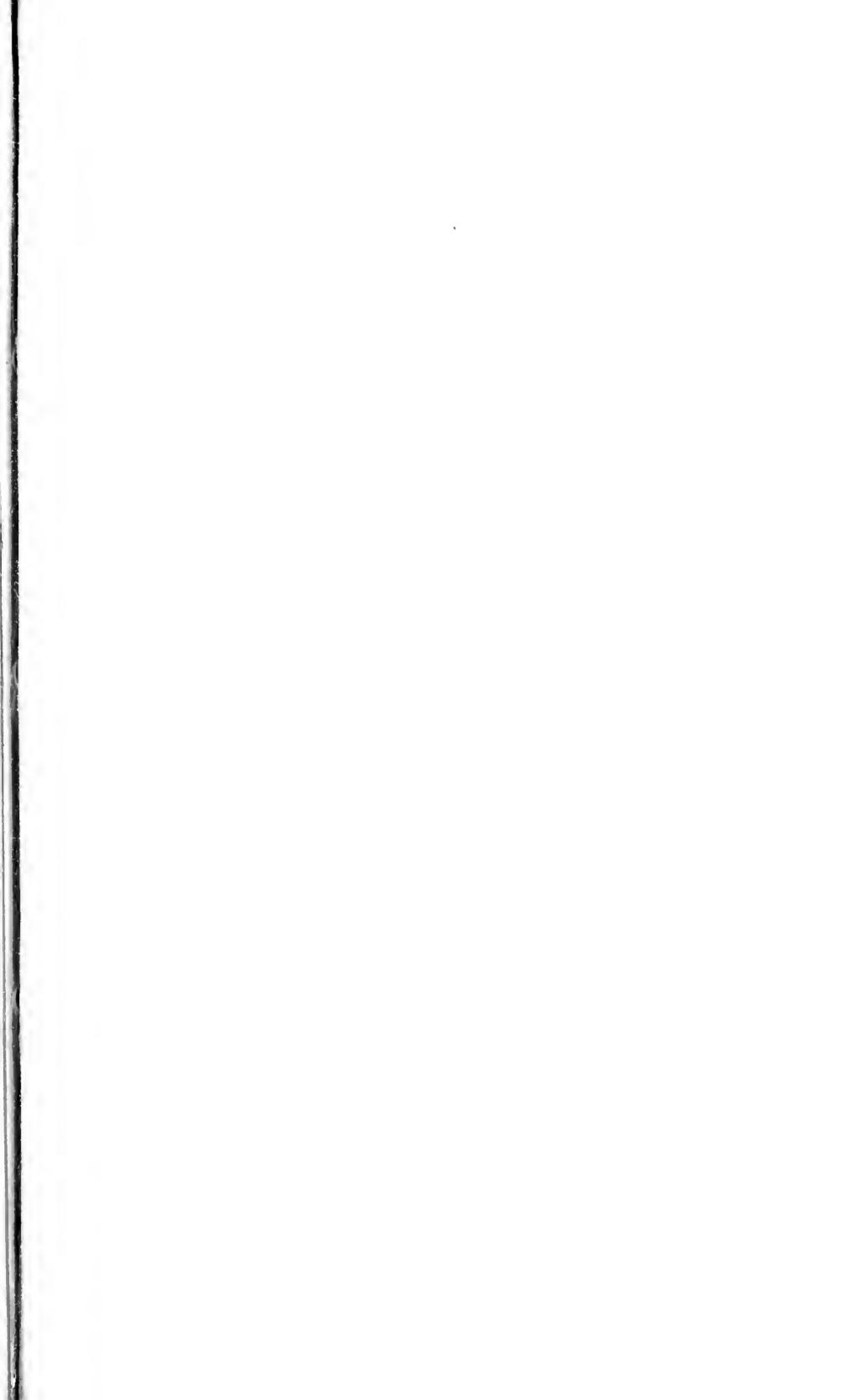
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